

How to Register a Light Sport Aircraft

1. Who is eligible to register an aircraft?

An aircraft is eligible for registration in the United States only if it is owned by:

- a. A U.S. citizen – An individual or partnership where each individual is a U.S. citizen, or a corporation or association created or organized under the laws of the United States or of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States, of which the president and two-thirds or more of the board of directors and other managing officers thereof are such individuals and in which at least 75 percent of the voting interest is owned or controlled by persons who are citizens of the United States or of one of its possessions. Associations and Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) meeting the citizenship requirements of a corporation, may also be eligible for registration. LLCs must also submit documents that establish their membership and management. For additional information pertaining to LLCs check the Registry's website at <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp>, then select "Customer Service Forms".
- b. A resident alien – an individual citizen of a foreign country lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States as an immigrant in conformity with the regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service;
- c. A non-citizen corporation – a corporation other than classified as a U.S. citizen, lawfully organized and doing business under the laws of the United States, or any State thereof, so long as such aircraft is based and primarily used in the United States; and is not registered under the laws of any foreign country; or
- d. A government entity – Federal, State, or Local.

2. How do I obtain a U.S. Identification (N) Number?

- a. A U.S. identification number of our choice may be assigned, free of charge, to your experimental or special light sport aircraft upon receipt of a completed Affidavit of Ownership for Experimental or Special Light-Sport Aircraft, AC Form 8050-88A. Refer to question 4 for instructions on how to register your aircraft.
- b. **A special U.S. identification number of your choice may be reserved, if available, for a period of one year by submitting a written request and \$10 fee for each number to be reserved. A U.S. identification number may not exceed five characters in addition to the prefix letter "N". All five characters may be numbers (N10000), one to four numbers and one suffix letter (N1000A), or one to three numbers and two suffix letters (N100AB). The letters "I" and "O" may not be used. The first zero**

in a number must always be preceded by at least one of the numbers 1 through 9. The request should list up to five numbers in order of preference, in the event the first choice is not available. You may search for available numbers through the Registry's website at <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp> by selecting "Interactive Aircraft Inquiry". You may submit a request to reserve that number online by paying with a credit card.

- c. A U.S. identification number currently reserved for you may be assigned upon receipt of a completed Affidavit of Ownership for Experimental and Special Light-Sport Aircraft, AC Form 8050-88A. A written request to assign the reserved number may be submitted with the affidavit, provided it contains the name of the manufacturer, model, and serial number of the aircraft. Refer to Question 4 for instructions on how to register your aircraft.

3. As a Light-Sport Aircraft manufacturer, can I obtain a group of "N" numbers for future assignment to our newly manufactured aircraft?

Yes. Pursuant to 14 CFR section 47.15(c), a U.S. aircraft manufacturer may apply to the FAA Aircraft Registry (Registry) for enough U.S. identification numbers to supply his estimated production for the next 18 months. There is no charge for these numbers of our choice. However, if you want a special U.S. identification number, a written request with a \$10 fee for each number you wish to reserve must be submitted. The numbers, if available, will be reserved for a period of 1 year.

4. How do I register my Experimental or Special Light-Sport Aircraft?

- a. If you own a Light-Sport Aircraft that has not been issued a U.S. or foreign airworthiness certificate and does not meet the provisions of §103.1, and you plan to certificate the aircraft as an experimental light-sport aircraft under 21.191(i)(1) before January 31, 2008,, you should submit:
 - 1. Affidavit of Ownership for Experimental or Special Light-Sport Aircraft, AC Form 8050-88A, or its equivalent. The form may be downloaded from <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp>, then select "Customer Service Forms".
 - 2. Evidence of ownership for the parts or manufacturer's kit, if available;
 - 3. Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1,; and,
 - 4. \$5.00 registration fee.

If the evidence of ownership cannot be supplied, you must submit an affidavit as to why it's not available. For the convenience of the applicant, this information may be provided on the AC Form 8050-88A.

- b. If you are the manufacturer of a new Light-Sport Aircraft, that will be certificated as an experimental light-sport aircraft under 21.191(i)(2) or a special light-sport aircraft under 21.190 you should submit:

1. Affidavit of Ownership for Experimental or Special Light-Sport Aircraft, AC Form 8050-88A, or its equivalent. The form may be downloaded from <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp>, then select "Customer Service Forms".
2. Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1; and
3. \$5.00 registration fee.

If you wish to register under a valid Dealer's Aircraft Certificate, submit only the AC Form 8050-88A, or its equivalent.

- c. If you have purchased a newly manufactured Light-Sport aircraft that will be certificated as an experimental light-sport aircraft under 21.191(i)(2) or a special light-sport aircraft under 21.190, you should submit:

1. Affidavit of Ownership for Experimental or Special Light-Sport Aircraft, AC Form 8050-88A, or its equivalent, completed by the manufacturer, unless previously submitted to the Registry by the manufacturer. The form may be downloaded from <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp>, then select "Customer Service Forms".
2. Bill of sale from the manufacturer;
3. Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1; and
4. \$5.00 registration fee

Note: Use of an **original** Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1, is required. Photocopies and computer-generated copies of this form are not accepted. Aircraft Registration Applications may be obtained from the [Aircraft Registration Branch](#) or your local [FAA Flight Standards District Office \(FSDO\)](#). The typed or printed name of the signer must be included in the signature block of the application. The applicant's physical location or physical address must also be shown on the application if a post office box (PO Box) is entered as the mailing address.

5. How do I obtain a Dealer's Aircraft Registration Certificate, AC Form 8050-6?

Dealer's Aircraft Registration Certificates are issued in accordance with 14 CFR Part 47 sections 47.61 through 47.71. To be eligible for a Dealer's Aircraft Registration Certificate, you must have an established place of business in the United States, must be substantially engaged in manufacturing, distributing, or selling aircraft, and must be a citizen of the

United States, as defined above in items 1(a & d). A party wishing to obtain a Dealer's Aircraft Registration Certificate must submit a completed Dealer's Aircraft Registration Certificate Application, AC Form 8050-5, . The application form is available on the Registry's website, however, forms may also be obtained by contacting the information line at (405) 954-3116 or 1-866-762-9434.

Before using a Dealer's Aircraft Registration Certificate for operating an aircraft, the holder of the certificate (other than a manufacturer) must send to the Registry evidence satisfactory to the Administrator that he is the owner of that aircraft. An Aircraft Bill of Sale, AC Form 8050-2, or its equivalent, may be used as evidence of ownership. There is no fee required to record the evidence of ownership.

Light-Sport Aircraft manufacturers must submit the Affidavit of Ownership for Experimental or Special Light-Sport Aircraft, AC Form 8050-88A, or its equivalent, prior to operation of a newly manufactured aircraft under a dealer certificate.

6. How do I contact the Registry?

Any document or correspondence should be submitted to:

Aircraft Registration Branch
PO Box 22504
Oklahoma City, OK 73125,

or via courier service to:

Federal Aviation Administration
Aircraft Registration Branch, AFS-750
Registry Building, Room 118
6425 S. Denning St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

You may contact the Registry between the hours of 7:30am – 4:00pm Central, Monday through Friday.

For registration or recordation information contact (405) 954-3116 or 1-866-762-9434.

For information regarding reservation or assignment of U.S. identification numbers contact (405) 954-4206 or 1-866-704-4715.

Visit the Registry's website at <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp> for additional information. Many of the required or suggested forms may be downloaded from the site, as well as an up-to-date interactive database.